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SUBJECT: VIENNA ROUND TABLE ON CSCE - STATUS REPORT

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1. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS INDICATE PROSPECTS FOR VIENNA ROUND TABLE ON CSCE MAY BE FADING.

2. ACCORDING TO CZERNETZ, HE AND MAYOR GRATZ INFORMED SOVIET EMBASSY COUNSELOR BORONIN ON FEBRUARY 7 THAT, IF SOVIETS DID NOT REPLY BY FEBRUARY 11 TO CZERNETZ'S LETTER OF DECEMBER 6, MAYOR WOULD SEND FORMAL INVITATIONS TO ALL PROSPECTIVE PARTICIPANTS INCLUDING THOSE IN EASTERN EUROPE; ROUND TABLE WOULD THEN GO ON WITH OR WITHOUT EAST EUROPEAN PARTICIPATION. IF, HOWEVER, SOVIETS REPLIED IN NEGATIVE, ROUND TABLE WOULD NOT BE HELD. CZERNETZ EXPLAINED THAT IN LATTER CASE, U.S. AND CANADIAN PARLIAMENTARIANS WOULD BE INVITED TO APRIL SESSION OF COUNCIL OF EUROPE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY WHERE POLICITCAL COMMITTEE AND ASSEMBLY WOULD CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS ON BELGRADE CSCE FOLLOW-UP TO COUNCIL MEMBER GOVERNMENTS.

3. CZERNETZ DEPARTED FOR STRASBOURG ON WEEKEND BUT
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HIS OFFICE INFORMED EMBOFF FEBRUARY 14 THAT BORONIN HAD INFORMED CZERNETZ THAT MARCH 27-28 DATES WERE NOT CONVENIENT FOR USSR. CZERNETZ THEREUPON COUNTERED WITH SUGGESTION THAT ROUND TABLE COULD BE HELD ANY TIME BETWEEN MARCH 25 AND APRIL 5. INVITATIONS WERE THUS NOT SENT AS PLANNED AND CZERNETZ IS AWAITING SOVIET RESPONSE TO HIS FURTHER SUGGESTION.

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4. SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICIAL CONFIRMED TO POLCOUNS AT SOCIAL FUNCTION FEBRUARY 15 THAT SOVIETS FOUND MARCH 27-28 INCONVENIENT BUT INDICATED SOVIETS HAD OTHER CONCERNS WITH PROPOSAL (SUBSTANCE, LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION) AS WELL. FRENCH COUNSELOR INFORMED DCM FEBRUARY 16 THAT HE HAD LEARNED SAME FROM BORONIN HIMSELF.

5. EMBASSY WILL CHECK AGAIN WITH CZERNETZ AS SOON AS HE RETURNS REGARDING STATUS OF HIS ROUND TABLE INITIATIVE. IT APPEARS, HOWEVER, THAT SOVIETS ARE TRYING TO DISENGAGE FROM IDEA WITH MINIMUM POLITICAL FALLOUT. BUCHANAN

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